

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of Adoption of a)	
Standard Tariff Template for Solid)	DOCKET TG-010374
Waste Collection Companies,)	
)	ORDER ADOPTING
)	STANDARD TARIFF
)	TEMPLATE AND
)	DIRECTING COMPANIES TO
)	FILE USING TEMPLATE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted new rules governing the operations of solid waste collection companies. Those new rules became effective on April 23, 2001. WAC 480-70-281 of the new rules states: "A company must file tariffs meeting the following criteria: (1) Tariffs must be on forms available from the commission or on comparable forms approved by the commission..."
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the existing solid waste tariff template and proposed amendments to that document to ensure it was consistent with the newly adopted rules. In addition, Staff met with representatives of the solid waste industry to discuss amendments to the existing tariff template. Staff developed an amended tariff template, a copy of which is attached to, and by reference made a part of, this order.
- 3 At the open public meeting on December 28, 2001, Staff recommended that the attached tariff template be adopted for use by traditional solid waste collection companies, that traditional solid waste collection companies be required to file using the standard template for all future filings, and that all traditional solid waste collection companies be required to make a filing to convert their existing filed tariffs to the new format within 12 months. Use of the new tariff template will ensure that all company tariffs are consistent with current rules, will be less confusing to consumers, and will facilitate development of a system to deliver rate information to consumers via the Commission's internet page.
- 4 Staff further recommended that use of the standard tariff template should be required for all future filings, but that companies should be allowed to amend or alter the template to reflect specific company operations so long as amendments are consistent with laws and rules, are in the public interest, and are approved by the Commission. An example cited was that a company that does not provide drop box service could

eliminate from its filed tariff those items concerned with rates and service levels for drop boxes.

FINDINGS

5 THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- 6 (1) After careful examination of the proposed solid waste collection tariff template, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff template should be adopted for use by traditional solid waste collections companies.

O R D E R

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The attached solid waste collection tariff template is adopted for use by traditional solid waste collection companies.
- 9 (2) Traditional solid waste collection companies are required to file using the standard template for all future rate filings.
- 10 (3) All traditional solid waste collection companies be required to make a filing within 12 months using the new tariff template.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 28th day of December, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner